

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11 and 13-22 remain in this application. Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled and their recitations incorporated into Claims 1, 7, 17, 18, 20 and 21; these actions are taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 3 and 9 have amended as to their dependency. Claims 1, 7 and 17-22 are the independent claims.

A Second Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith, citing U.S. Patent 5,060,060 (Udagawa et al.).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination and early passage to issue of the present application.

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